

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of April 16, 2007.

The rejection of Claims 1-3 and 66-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of *Umeno, et al.*, US 7,023,098 ('098 patent) is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

To overcome the filing date of the '098 patent of *Umeno, et al.*, according to the Advisory Action, in paragraph 6, applicants have previously filed certified translations of JP 2003-083937 and JP 2003-083938, both filed in the JPO on March 25, 2003.

The range for "n" in formula 1 is given as 0.5 to 5 in each document as well as the formula (2) for the phenol resin (B).

Claim 1 has been amended to specify the value of "n" being from 0.5 to 5 for each of formula (1) and (2) as suggested by the Examiner. It is therefore believed that the rejection has been overcome.

Applicants therefore submit that *Umeno, et al.*, US 7,023,098, is no longer available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (b) or (e).

The rejection of Claims 1-3 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of *Gallo*, US 6,432,540 and *Iwasaki, et al.*, US 6,242,110 taken with JP 3-29352 is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Neither *Gallo* nor *Iwasaki* disclose a resin encapsulating a semiconductor chip formed of an epoxy resin of formulae 1 and 2 together with an inorganic filler, curing accelerator, silane coupling agent and a compound (F) containing two or more hydroxyl groups on adjacent carbon atoms in a naphthalene ring.

The third reference relied on in this rejection, JP-3-29352, fails to show a compound (F) containing two or more hydroxyl groups on adjacent carbons in a naphthalene ring.


Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 10 has been amended to overcome the issues mentioned by the Examiner on page 2 (para. 1 and 2) of the Office Action of April 16, 2007. Applicants request rejoinder of Claim 10.

For reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully request favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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